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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/573,107
based on International Application PCT/AT04/00364
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Dear Ms. Johnson-Vessels:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Deborah Brittingham, we are writing to you to formally request a correction of United States Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0102411 A1, the first page of which is enclosed.

Please note that the following data mentioned on the front page of the publication is incorrect and does not belong to the subject Patent Application:

"Assignee" should correctly refer to - - Fronius International GmbH - - as reflected in the Publication of the International Application WO 2005/042200 A1, a copy of the first page of which is enclosed.

"Inventor" should correctly refer to - - Josef Artelsmair - -

"Foreign Application Priority Data" should correctly refer to - - Austrian Application A 1687/2003 filed October 23, 2003 - -

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"Applicant" should correctly refer to - - Josef Artelsmair, Wartberg/Krems, Austria - -

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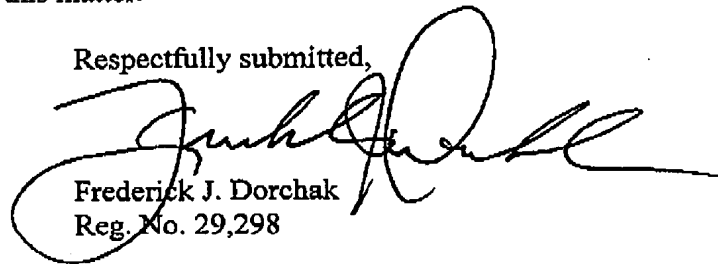
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Please provide us with confirmation that these errors in the Published Patent Application and in the Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance have been corrected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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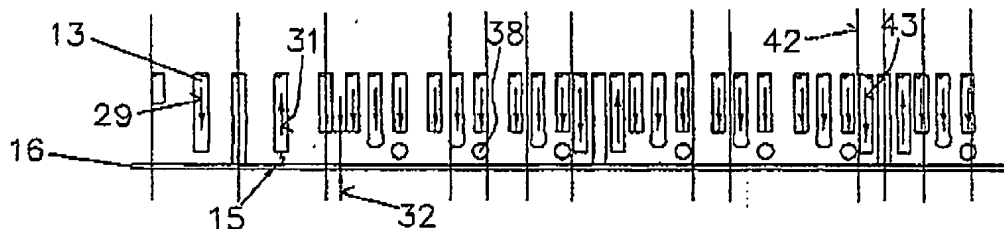
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(2), (4) **Date: Mar. 23, 2006**(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a method for controlling and/or adjusting a welding process, using a melting welding wire (13) wherein after ignition of an electric arc, a welding process is carried out, the welding process being adjusted on the basis of several different welding parameters and being controlled or adjusted by a control device and/or welding current source. In order to determine the position of distance between the end of the welding wire (13) and the workpiece (16), which is to be processed, in a manner which is as accurate as possible, at least one mechanical adjustment process (41) is carried out during the welding process, enabling the position of said welding wire (13) being used as a sensor.



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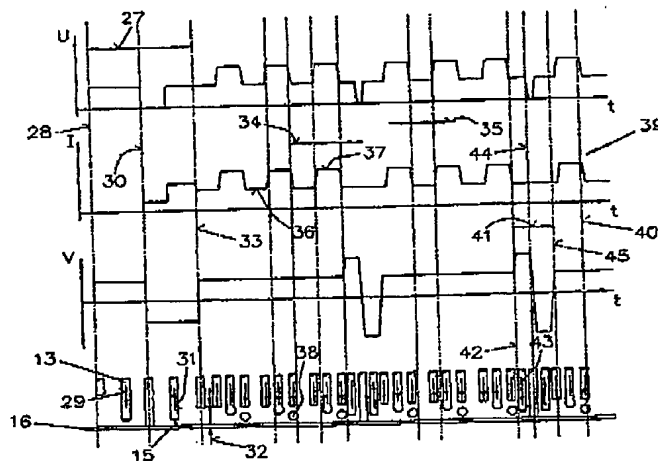
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(54) Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AND/OR ADJUSTING A WELDING PROCESS**

(54) Bezeichnung: **VERFAHREN ZUM STEUERN UND/ODER REGELN EINES SCHWEISSPROZESSES**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for controlling and/or adjusting a welding process, using a melting welding wire (13), wherein after ignition of an electric arc, a welding process is carried out, said welding process being adjusted on the basis of several different welding parameters and being controlled or adjusted by a control device and/or a welding current source. In order to determine the position or distance between the end of the welding wire (13) and the workpiece (16), which is to be processed, in a manner which is as accurate as possible, at least one mechanical adjustment process (41) is carried out during the welding process, enabling the position of said welding wire (13) to be determined, said welding wire (13) being used as a sensor.

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